

Janet Cook, Park Ranger Trainee ("Co-Op") at Lake Red Rock (CEMVR-ODR), has recently completed approximately 2,800 hours of work experience under the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP), and we request that she be considered for job vacancies for permanent employment.

Lake Red Rock is Iowa's Largest Lake with 19,000 surface acres of water, and includes the state's largest expanse of public land, with over 50,000 acres of diverse habitat (native and restored prairies, hardwood forests, oak savannas, etc.). Red Rock is a multi-purpose project, with responsibilities involving flood damage reduction/low flow augmentation, environmental stewardship and recreation. The Corps also manages five campgrounds (over 400 sites), 13 miles of bike trails, two beaches and numerous other day use facilities at the lake.

Janet is a senior at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, and will be graduating in May 2002 with a major in Parks and Resource Management. Her work periods included the following time segments: May - early September 2000, January through early September 2001, and January 2002 to the present (scheduled to work until May 18). During her employment at Lake Red Rock, she has gained numerous skills in working with the public and with fellow staff. Janet consistently displays high integrity and takes her role as a representative of the Corps very seriously.

During her employment, Janet has acquired knowledge in the following areas:

- Patrolled Corps recreation areas and provided visitor assistance to campers, boaters, trail users, etc. - received citation authority during summer 2001
- Prepared and presented interpretive programs for school children and the general public
- Coordinated Junior Ranger programs (summer 2001)
- Staffed project visitor center and assisted with training visitor center volunteer and new Co-Op student regarding visitor center operations
- Utilized PowerPoint software to develop program on the lake area's history
- Utilized CorelDraw desktop publishing software to write articles for various newsletters
- Assisted with coordinating water safety programs to 560 local high school students (spring 2001)
- Certified in CPR and First Aid

For more information on Janet Cook, please contact Tracy Spry at (641) 828-7522 or via e-mail at tracy.j.spry@mvr02.usace.army.mil. Ms Cook can be contacted at the same number and email address.

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